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## ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the October 20 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application, Applicants elect with traverse Group XII (claims 1 and 3-7), drawn to a composition comprising the formula of independent claim 1 wherein both $W_6$ and $X_6$ = S.

As required by the Examiner, Applicants elect the species wherein both $W_6$ and $X_6$ = S; each of $R_{46}$, $R_{48}$, $R_{50}$ to $R_{53}$, $R_{55}$, and $R_{57}$ = H; each of $R_{47}$, $R_{49}$, $R_{54}$, and $R_{56}$ = $SO_3T$; $R_{58}$ = glucose; each of $Y_6$ and $Z_6$ = $-(CH_2)_3SO_3T$; $D_6$ = a double bond; each of $B_6$ and $E_6$ = –CH-; $A_6$ = $-CH_2-$; each of $a_6$ and $b_6$ = 1; $V_5$ = a single bond; and T = a negative charge.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.